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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7492

BILL NUMBER: HB 1980

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 9, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Mar 31, 2003

SUBJECT: Authentication of Ballots.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Avery

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. C. Lawson

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that whenever the individual who holds the office of circuit court clerk is a candidate on the ballot for any office, the individual's name or signature may not appear on the ballot except in the individual's capacity as a candidate, notwithstanding a law requiring the circuit court clerk's name or signature to appear on the ballot. The bill requires the Election Commission to prescribe a device or symbol other than the circuit court clerk's printed name or signature to authenticate ballots. The bill establishes a procedure for counting the ballot of an absent uniformed services voter when a ballot card voting system is used.

Effective Date: (Revised) Upon passage; July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Election Commission could incorporate the prescription of a device or symbol during the course of a regularly scheduled business meeting. There are currently four members on the Election Commission. Commission members are entitled to the minimum salary per diem and travel reimbursement related to business for the Commission. The Commission met ten times in 2002.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission.

Information Sources: www.in.gov/sos/elections/iec/iec.html

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